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CASE NO. 56/368

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In re Application:)
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Johann Lahr)
) Group Art Unit: 2855
Serial No.: 10/051,380)
) Examiner: unassigned
Filed: January 18, 2002)
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For: ANGLE MEASURING SYSTEM)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
62-156822	Japan	10/05/87
299 11 508	Germany	01/11/01

II. DISCUSSION

A. Japanese Patent Reference No. 62-156822

The pertinence of the '822 patent reference is discussed at page 2 of Applicant's specification.

B. German Patent Reference No. 299 11 508

The pertinence of the '508 patent reference is discussed at pages 1, 2 and 4 of Applicant's specification. Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '508 patent reference appears to disclose a universal joint with two co-axial plates, wherein each plate is an octagonal platform with a central square cut-out.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference

and make the above-listed references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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